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**S = Sarah; P = Phil**

**S:** So, you’re 24 years old, you graduated a year ago and you’re looking for work with a charity. What attracted you to Shelterbox?

**P:** Well, I’m familiar with your work because I have a friend who volunteered for you last year – packing boxes – and I think it’s a fantastic concept. But umm … mainly I’m very keen on the idea of working abroad … in different countries …

**S:** Mm, I see … and what makes you think you’d be suited to that? I see you studied economics at Cambridge … Don’t you think that’s a rather different world?

**P:** Yes, it’s true that I specialised in economics but, actually, I’m good at coping with difficult environments. I spent three months helping to build a school in Chennai in India last summer. And the year before that I trekked across the Mojave Desert. So I think I’d be suited to the work.

**S:** OK – well … they’re certainly not easy places to adapt to … although in fact you’d also be spending a good part of the time here in the office doing paperwork.

**P:** Yeah, that’s also fine. I was expecting that. I have quite a lot of experience of sitting at a desk … for my studies. What sort of paperwork is it?

**S:** Well, each trip involves a lot of preparation and a certain amount of follow-up too. Keeping spreadsheets, writing reports. Are you OK doing that sort of thing?

**P:** Yeah, I’m quite good with computers. I’m comfortable with all the usual programs – Excel, Word, some financial software …

**S:** OK. There’s just one thing that’s worrying me though. You’re clearly a bright person and you have a good degree. How do I know that you won’t just do this job for a few months and then go and get a better paid job with a bank or consultancy business?

**P:** That’s a good question. It’s actually what a lot of my friends from university have done but I’ll tell you why that’s not for me. Firstly, I’m really serious about wanting to help people in need. Secondly, I think I need to become more knowledgeable about the world, before I use my economics degree to do something else … If you put your faith in me, I will be absolutely committed to doing the best job that I can … for two or three years at least.

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